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Hi Michal,

I'm writing about next steps for finalizing a report developed collaboratively between ORD and OCSPP. The report presents a proof-of-concept case study for an approach that integrates publicly available information to inform candidate selection for chemical prioritization under TSCA. A short summary of the background and history of the collaborative project are provided below.

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These and other comments were incorporated into a revised document which was shared with OCSPP and submitted for external letter peer review. The peer review was completed in early 2021 and the comments were largely positive, with some suggestions for clarification and suggestions for long-term research that could enhance the approach for future applications in other decision contexts. ORD is revising the draft report in response to these peer review comments and plans to have a final draft to share with OCSPP by early April.

Given the broad interest in this approach that have been expressed by other program partners, states, and the public, we would like to promptly finalize and complete this as a joint ORD-OCSPP report. Notably, the report is a proof-of-concept and does not obligate OCSPP to incorporate the methods into their current processes. Further use of the approach would be at the discretion of OCSPP. To facilitate its prompt release, we'd like to propose that Tala Henry review the document since she is familiar with previous versions of the report and the history behind its development. We are happy to brief her prior to their review to highlight the minimal changes since the previous OCSPP review.

Short Background:

This report is the latest product of a long-term collaborative effort between ORD and OCSPP which began in February 2017 with the collaborative development of "*Discussion Document on Long-Term Pre-Prioritization Strategy*"^[1]. In order to respond to public comments and programmatic considerations on this document, ORD and OCSPP continued the collaboration to develop a long-term strategy for pre-prioritization in the September 2018 document entitled "*A Working Approach for Identifying Potential Candidate Chemicals for Prioritization*"^[2]. While developing the document, OCSPP senior management felt strongly that a subsequent proof-of-concept study should be performed to demonstrate utility of the strategy. As a result, the Working Approach document committed to performing and releasing the results of this proof-of-concept study together with additional operational details associated with the strategy^[3]. The approach outlined in the proof-of-concept case study was modeled after OPPT current practices, particularly those in the TSCA Workplan Chemicals: Methods Document^[4] but included integration of both traditional and new approach methods. The methods outlined in the proof-of-concept document were developed by ORD in close collaboration with OCSPP, both at the staff scientist and senior management levels. Following the release of the Working Approach document in September 2018, regular meetings were held between ORD and OCSPP management and staff to flesh out the long-term strategy approach and to ensure that it incorporated the best available science along with OPPT current practices. The success of this close collaboration is reflected in the limited comments received by OCSPP management in their review of the report prior to external peer review. Revisions to the document in response to the independent expert peer review are nearly complete and are minimal in nature. Next steps will be to finalize the document and response to peer reviewer comments and post to the EPA website.

[1] https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-11/documents/final_pre-prioritization_-_discussion_document_11.13.17.pdf

[2] https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-09/documents/preprioritization_white_paper_9272018.pdf

[3] A Working Approach for Identifying Potential Candidate Chemicals for Prioritization, pg 17; https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-09/documents/preprioritization_white_paper_9272018.pdf

[4] <https://www.epa.gov/assessing-and-managing-chemicals-under-tsca/tsca-work-plan-methods-document>

Thanks and let me know if you have questions or would like to discuss

jennifer

^[1] https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-11/documents/final_pre-prioritization_-_discussion_document_11.13.17.pdf

² https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-09/documents/preprioritization_white_paper_9272018.pdf

³ A Working Approach for Identifying Potential Candidate Chemicals for Prioritization, pg

17; https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-09/documents/preprioritization_white_paper_9272018.pdf

⁴ <https://www.epa.gov/assessing-and-managing-chemicals-under-tsca/tsca-work-plan-methods-document>

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